

Attachment 3. Status of GWMP

Placer County Water Agency (PCWA) is the primary water resource agency for Placer County, California. PCWA carries out a broad range of responsibilities including water resource planning and management, retail and wholesale supply of irrigation water and drinking water and production of hydroelectric energy in Placer County's 1,500 square mile area. Created in 1957 under its own state legislative act entitled the "Placer County Water Agency Act," PCWA is self-governed with policy and regulatory decisions determined by an independently elected five member Board of Directors.

On November 7, 1996, PCWA adopted Resolution 96-43 declaring the intention to prepare a GMP for the PCWA Groundwater Management Area for Martis Valley (see attached Resolution 96-43). The reasons for updating the Martis Valley Groundwater Management Plan (GMP) are to reflect current water resources planning in the region, to reflect the latest information and understandings of the underlying groundwater basin, and to update the plan in partnership with adjacent water purveyors in an effort to work collaboratively and align policy. The plan will be updated in partnership with the Truckee Donner Public Utility District (TDPUD) and Northstar Community Services District (NCSD). The Martis Valley GMP will meet the requirements set by SB 1938 and addresses the voluntary and recommended components included in AB 3030 and recommended in Bulletin 118-2003. On April 7, 2011 PCWA Board of Directors adopted Resolution No. 11-13 declaring the intention to prepare, adopt, and implement an updated Martis Valley Groundwater Management Plan (see attached Resolution No. 11-13). The updated Martis Valley GMP is currently in progress with significant efforts made toward developing draft goals, objectives and implementation actions with a Stakeholder Working Group and public input. The Martis Valley GMP is on schedule to be adopted by each partnership agency by March 2013.

The Martis Valley groundwater basin includes a 35,000-acre area in both Placer and Nevada counties. It is the main water supply for numerous public and private entities. This area has seen significant growth in the last two decades with more planned for the future. Maintaining an adequate water supply and protecting water quality are critical for the region's future. The Martis Valley GMP includes PCWA, TDPUD and NCSD service areas within the Martis Valley Sub-basin (Basin 6-67, Bulletin 118). Please see Figure 1 in Attachment 4 attached for the project location map.

The goal of the Martis Valley GMP is to ensure long term quality and availability of groundwater in the Martis Valley Groundwater Basin. The five primary areas to be emphasized and embodied in the draft BMO's that support the GMP goal are:

1. Manage groundwater to maintain established beneficial groundwater uses.
2. Manage groundwater use within the provisions of the Truckee River Operating Agreement.
3. Collaborate and cooperate with groundwater users and stakeholders in the Martis Groundwater Basin.
4. Protect groundwater supply and quality and protect against inelastic land subsidence.
5. Pursue and use the best available science and technology to inform the decision making process.

The proposed project supports the draft goals and objectives of the Martis Valley GMP by greatly improving the understanding of the groundwater resource. The data provided by this project will help meet several of the Martis Valley GMP objectives. This study will:

- Add an important data monitoring location to the regional monitoring network that is critical to understanding and maintaining regional groundwater and improving long term quality and availability of the groundwater resource.
- Provide continued opportunities for key stakeholders and the public to review the new data and provide input into the project as part of larger efforts to educate and collaborate on regional groundwater issues
- Provide water level monitoring data and supplemental hydrogeologic data for groundwater modeling efforts which use the best available science to help make informed agency decisions.
- Provide valuable water level monitoring data to protect against inelastic land subsidence.

1 RESOLUTION NO. 96-43 OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
2 OF THE PLACER COUNTY WATER AGENCY DECLARING THE
3 INTENTION TO PREPARE A GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT
4 PLAN FOR PLACER COUNTY WATER AGENCY GROUNDWATER
MANAGEMENT AREA - MARTIS VALLEY

5 WHEREAS, pursuant to California Water Code Section 10753.2,
6 this Board published a notice of public hearing to receive comment
7 concerning whether this Agency should adopt a Resolution of Intention
8 to prepare a groundwater management plan for the following described
9 property: Groundwater Management Area - Martis Valley, being that
10 portion of Placer County described in Exhibit A attached hereto and
11 incorporated herein by reference; and

12 WHEREAS, notice of this hearing was given as prescribed by
13 law; and

14 WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the Agency and the
15 lands and inhabitants within the proposed Groundwater Management Area
16 - Martis Valley to investigate and develop a plan for the long-term
17 management of the groundwater resources within that area in order to
18 protect the availability of the groundwater resources for continued
19 use in future years; and

20 WHEREAS, Water Code Sections 10750 et seq. authorizes the
21 Agency to develop and adopt groundwater management plans;

22 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of
23 the Placer County Water Agency as follows:

24 1. This Board hereby finds and declares that all of the
25 above recitals are true and correct.

26 2. This Board intends to draft a plan for the management
27 of groundwater resources lying within the Groundwater Management Area
28 - Martis Valley described above. The process for development of the

1 draft groundwater management plan shall include participation by other
2 local agencies within Groundwater Management Area - Martis Valley that
3 may desire to participate, and consideration of the relationship of
4 the availability and utilization of groundwater resources within
5 Groundwater Management Area - Martis Valley and adjacent areas. Such
6 draft plan shall be acted upon within two years from the date of this
7 resolution after further public hearings in accordance with provisions
8 of Sections 10750 et seq. of the California Water Code.

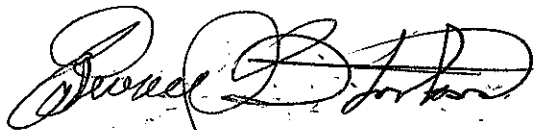
9 The foregoing resolution was duly passed at a regular meeting of
10 the Board of Directors of the Placer County Water Agency on the 7th
11 day of November, 1996, by the following vote on roll call:

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13 AYES DIRECTORS: Riolo, Fickewirth, Azevedo, Wollan and Horton

14 NOES DIRECTORS: None

15 ABSENT DIRECTORS: None
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17 Signed and approved by me after its passage this 7th day of
18 November, 1996.

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21 Chairman, Board of Directors
Placer County Water Agency

22 ATTEST:


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24 Clerk, Board of Directors
25 Placer County Water Agency
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exhibit A

MARTIS VALLEY AQUIFER
GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT PLAN
AREA DESCRIPTION

The proposed plan area will consist of property generally including that portion of Martis Valley within eastern Placer County, lying southerly of the Placer/Nevada County line except the area lying within the Truckee Donner Public Utility District, lying easterly of the Tahoe City Public Utility District boundary along the Truckee River, lying westerly of T17N, R17E, Section 24, and lying northerly of T16N, R16E, Sections 1, 2, 3, and T17N, R17E, Sections 26, 27, 28, and the Northstar Community Services District.

**RESOLUTION NO. 11 - 13 OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
PLACER COUNTY WATER AGENCY
DECLARING ITS INTENT TO UPDATE ITS
MARTIS VALLEY GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT PLAN
AND ADOPT A STATEMENT OF PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

WHEREAS, one of the responsibilities of Placer County Water Agency (Agency) is to provide for sustainable use of groundwater resources within Placer County; and

WHEREAS, The Agency uses groundwater to serve customers in its Martis Valley water system located near Truckee, California; and

WHEREAS, the Agency adopted its current Martis Valley Groundwater Management Plan on October 6, 1998; and

WHEREAS, the current groundwater management plan allows for periodic updates and advocates working collaboratively with others in Martis Valley; and

WHEREAS, the Agency has established a partnership with Truckee Donner Public Utilities District and Northstar Community Services District to prepare an updated groundwater management plan and develop a groundwater model to reflect current water resources planning in Martis Valley and enhance understanding of the underlying groundwater basin; and

WHEREAS, the Agency intends to prepare, adopt, and implement this updated groundwater management plan in cooperation with the general public and stakeholders;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of the Placer County Water Agency that:

1. The Board intends to prepare, adopt, and implement an updated Martis Valley Groundwater Management Plan. Among other content, the updated groundwater management plan will include basin management objectives, plan components, and management actions.

2. The Agency further intends to provide for and encourage public/stakeholder involvement in the preparation of this updated groundwater management plan.

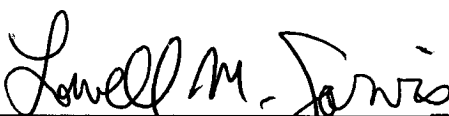
The foregoing resolution was duly passed at meeting of the Board of Directors of the Placer County Water Agency held on April 7, 2011, by the following on roll call:

AYES DIRECTORS: Gray Allen, Alex Ferreira, Mike Lee, Ben Mavy,
Chairman Lowell Jarvis

NOES DIRECTORS: None

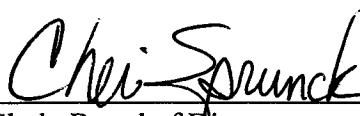
ABSENT DIRECTORS: None

Signed and approved by me after its passage this 7th day of April, 2011.



Chair, Board of Directors
Placer County Water Agency

ATTEST:



Clerk, Board of Directors
Placer County Water Agency